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The Honorable Brian M. Cogan United States District Judge United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Loera

Criminal Docket No. 09-466 (S-4) (BMC)

Dear Judge Cogan:

The government respectfully submits this letter in response to the defendant Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Loera's (the "defendant") motion to continue trial. <u>See</u> Dkt. No. 180. In his motion, the defendant correctly states the government's position that it does not oppose a continuance of the trial date, which is currently scheduled for April 16, 2018, until a date in June 2018. See id. at 5. As for the defendant's request to continue the trial to a date in

August or September 2018, see id., the government takes no position and defers to the court's discretion.

Respectfully submitted,

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